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1. IN COURSE OF CHARG'S DISCUSSION WITH DEPFONMIN QADDOUR APRIL 8, MENTION OF DIFFICULTIES UNIFIL WAS HAVING IN GETTING ESTABLISHED IN LEBANON PROVIDED AN OPENING TO REFER TO UNIFIL FINANCING QUESTION. AMOUG OTHER REMARKS, QADDOUR NOTED THAT SOVIET UNION HAD TAKEN POSITION AGGRESSOR WHOULD PAY FOR UN OPERATION SUCH AS UNIFIL AND A LITTLE LATER HE ADDED "CERTAINLY NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT LEBANON OR SYRIA TO PAY FOR ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION."

2. COMMENT: THESE REMARKS TEND TO CONFIRM OUR INTERNAL EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT SYRIANS WOULD NOT BE OPEN TO PERSUASION EITHER BY LEBANON OR BY US TO APPROACH SOVIETS ABOUT UNIFIL FINANCING.
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